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1. UNICC GENEVA NOW SERVING UNEP CENTRAL COMPUTER NEEDS
HERE. UNDERSTAND THAT UNEP WILL ACT AS INTERIM SECRE-
TARIAT FOR MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MAP). THEY EXPECT
THAT MAP DATA WILL BE SENT TO THEM IN MAGNETIC TAPE FORM,
WHICH THEY WILL THEN PROGRAM INTO THE UNICC COMPUTER. IT
IS THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BROAD PRINCIPLE OF OPEN
AVAILABILITY OF MAP DATA WILL BE OBSERVED. HOWEVER, SOME
STATES MAY WISH TO RESTRICT DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHLY SPECIFIC
INFORMATION THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED DETRIMENTAL TO CERTAIN
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OF THEIR INTERESTS: TOURISM, FOR EXAMPLE. HOW THESE
RESTRICTIONS WILL BE DEFINED, IF AT ALL, IS NOT YET CLEAR.
ONE PROPOSAL IS THAT ANY RESTRICTIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO A
SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME: SAY, TWO YEARS.

2. UNEP ALREADY HAS EXTENSIVE USE OF THE UNICC FACILITIES,
WITH LEASED LINES TO BOTH NAIROBI AND NEW YORK. UNICC IS

NOW SERVING TWELVE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WITH MORE THAN 120 TERMINALS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD. ITS COMPUTING CAPACITY IS BEING TRIPLED BY THE END OF 1978 WITH THE ADDITION OF AN IBM 3033 SYSTEM. CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA IS OFTEN A REQUIREMENT FOR PROGRAMS SUCH AS TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS CASE STUDIES, ETC. THEY SEE NO DIFFICULTY, HOWEVER, IN DEALING WITH MAP DATA; BUT SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE WORKED OUT WITH UNEP SECRETARIAT.

3. FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF ITS RESOURCES AND EASY ACCESSIBILITY TO THE UNEP GENEVA LIAISON OFFICE, THE UNICC WOULD SEEM TO BE A LOGICAL MEANS FOR PROCESSING THE MAP DATA. HOWEVER, THE SPECIFIC QUESTION OF OPEN AVAILABILITY WILL DEPEND ON THE RESTRAINTS THAT PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WILL PLACE ON THEIR OWN DATA. IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS CAN BEST BE GAUGED BY DISCUSSION WITH THE STATES WHO WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MAP. VANDEN HEUVEL

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